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DISPATCH NO. MASA-369

TO : Chief, Foreign Division  
ATTENTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna

DATE: 29 March 1951

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Activities of Kriminalrat Johann SANITZER

Reference: MAVW-3201

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1. Given below is a translation of USACE report P/02761, dated 12 March 1951, Subject: Alleged Proof of Soviet Employment of Former Gestapo Chief MUELLER.

a. The following report is based on a conversation between HH 1 and (Dr) Wilhelm HORTTL in Linz on 9 March 1951.

b. The former Vienna Gestapo official Kriminalrat Johann SANITZER approached another former Gestapo official in Vienna through an intermediary in the National League and invited him to come to Eastern Germany where he would be given an assignment in the Volkspolizei, commensurate with his former rank.

c. The Gestapo official allegedly replied that he could accept the offer only if it originated with his former chief in the Gestapo. The Gestapo official reportedly received subsequently a letter from Dresden signed by the former Gestapo officer Heinrich MUELLER.

d. The Gestapo official recognized MUELLER's signature as authentic and accepted a post in Eastern Germany.

e. SANITZER's headquarters is in Saxony but at present he is setting up a Soviet training school in Lemberg; courses specialize in defense against enemy sabotage groups and in the so-called "Funkspiele."

2. Heinrich BERGER, subject of MASA-315, was questioned by the undersigned regarding the Heinrich MUELLER, mentioned in the above report. BERGER stated with definiteness that he knew all ranking Gestapo officials in Vienna during the war, but never heard of one Heinrich MUELLER. In BERGER's opinion, if there ever was a MUELLER at all, he held a subordinate post.

3. The above information forwarded in accordance with para 16 of reference memorandum.

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1c. Questioned on the SANITZER complex, BERGER pointed out that he left Vienna in 1942 for Prague and later served in Klagenfurt. He, therefore, was SANITZER's superior for only about one year. Most of the members of Gestapo Sevtion IV "b, as listed in MAV-W-3201, were unknown to BERGER and he believes that they joined SANITZER's office after BERGER's transfer to Prague. BERGER remembered Capt. Hannes BEUER from the OKW Funkueberwachung; BAUER is an Austrian, who in 1943 was sent by the Abwehr on a mission to the Vatican. Karl MAAS of the Funkspiel-Gruppe was a North German and is probably no longer in Austria. Johann BECHER is probably id/w the Austrian Criminal Police officer Johann PECHA.

d. Regarding the lawyer Napoleon BICHARY (MAV-W-3201, para. 10), BERGER remembered that he met him in 1937 through Baron Guido COLARD, then an Austrian State Police officer. COLARD, an illegal Nazi, was arrested by the Germans in 1939 for having assisted some Jews and other persons in leaving German-occupied Austria. COLARD was sent to a concentration camp and was released again in 1941 or 42. Sometime afterwards he came again to the attention of the State Police when a W/T message from London was intercepted instructing enemy agents to contact COLARD in Vienna. COLARD, however, managed to survive the Nazi regime and lives at present in Vienna I, Kaerntner strasse. BERGER describes COLARD as a very handsome gentleman, very fond of women, and always in need of money. BERGER believes that COLARD might still be involved in intelligence activities; he and BICHARY were close friends.

4. ....BERGER indicated that (Julius) BRUNNER, who remained in Vienna throughout the war, knew a great deal more than he about the SANITZER complex. Therefore, the employment of BRUNNER alone might be considered.....

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5. ....In the meantime BERGER will contact his former assistant Julius BRUNNER and hopes to meet him in Feldbach or Graz. BERGER promised to ~~conduct~~ question BRUNNER on the SANITZER complex and to sound him out on his willingness to engage in intelligence operations.

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